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3671 Group:

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

A response in the application identified above is enclosed.

Request for Extension of Time

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified explication.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time puriod desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$60			
Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	5 2 2 S			
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Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1590	\$795	\$			
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$2160	\$1080	S			
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 22-0257.

Claim 14

Claim 14 depends on Claim 13 and, therefore, shares the "flexible band, characterized in that the flexible band is tensioned between fingers" element, which Guerin does not describe. Consequently, Guérin cannot anticipate Claim 14.

Respectfully submitted,

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